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1. The primary objectives of the Belgian Communist Party were outlined by Xavier Relecom at the Congress of the Brussels Federation of the BCP, held on 26 February, 2 March and 3 March. The Party should combat the war-like maneuvers of the Western Powers directed against the USSR. The Imperialist Powers had attempted to establish themselves in Belgium, chosen as a test-case, through the medium of the Benelux agreements, the 5-Power Pact, and finally the Atlantic Pact. Such action proved that the Capitalist Powers were not as strong as they were at the end of the war. Proof of their weakness in Belgium lay in the increasing unemployment there which had reached 500,000. Every Communist should do his part to aid the unemployed and should campaign to force the government to grant the unemployed 83 francs a day instead of the recently established 72 francs. Every effort should be made to overthrow the Spaak government.
2. Members were informed that the Party must function as a closely-knit unit in order to attain its objectives. The decrease in Party membership could not continue. In 1948 the listed membership of the Brussels Federation was 6277, in 1949 only 4200. The fact that only 10% of the listed membership was really active in the Party had to be remedied. The professional groups, sections and cadres must be more effectively organized. The February strikes failed because the workers had no confidence in their leaders and the leaders had no confidence in the success of the strike. Members were again urged to join unions and to gain control of them. It was pointed out that the Christian workers unions were much stronger than the Communist unions. Non-union members were told that, if they did not join unions, their party cards would be withdrawn.
3. Section leaders protested that effective Party organization could be achieved only if the Federation supported the sections sufficiently. When, for example, the committee of the Etterbeek Section resigned as a unit, the Federation took no action. The section leaders further stated that too great a gap existed between the Party leaders and the mass of the Party. In addition, closer liaison was necessary between the section leadership and the groups of the section.

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4. Elections were held for the Federal Committee, the Political Commission and Representatives Commission. The membership of these groups is as follows:

Federal Committee

Xavier Relecom	Edmond Struyf
Albert Van Loo	Jean Vannuffelen
Jules Vanderlinden	Desire Dekeersmaeker
Aron Raindorf	Andre Renard
Suzanne Gregoire	Joseph Degreef
Antoine Laurent	Francois Vandergoten
Odile Berghmans	Francois Dewit
Maurice Delogne	

Political Commission

Devillers	Melle Thonnard
Leemans	Crockaert
Adam	Dekeersmaeker
Henri Laurent	Relecom
Maest	Van Loo
Vandekerckhove	Vanderlinden
Dewinter	Suzanne Gregoire
Taufstein	Raindorf
Stephanie Wolf	Leona Motquin
Raimbaut	Closset
Vanuffelen	Dewit
Struyf	Roelandt
Bernard	Depyper
Doignies	Odile Berghmans
Delogne	Guy Vanderhaegen
Molle	Culot

Representatives Commission

Chapparr	Raoul D'Hoedt
Theys	Gooskens
Alice Vandergoten	Bernard Fabry
J. B. Boulanger	

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